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PRESS MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Governor has signed the following bills:

Senate Bill 116, by Aikin, fixes maximum rate of tax to be levied for maintenance purposes in school districts.

Senate Bill 290, by Aikin, Willis and McDonald, anticipatory legislation, subject to constitutional amendment to be voted on next year which would increase teacher retirement benefits.

House Bill 711, by Bishop, emergency appropriation for the State Department of Agriculture for \$43,500.

The Governor has vetoed Senate Bill 424, by Colson, and House Bill 63, by Hood and Banks. The following are excerpts from his veto messages on the bills listed:

I am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State Senate Bill No. 424. This bill removes from the law the provision which requires selective cutting of timber in Huntsville State Park to be under the supervision of the Texas Forestry Service. At a time when conservation of water, timber and soil is so necessary for the welfare of our State, I do not feel that we should on the one hand direct our efforts to conservation and on the other remove such safeguards as we already have to promote conservation.

I am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State House Bill No. 63. All the members of the Legislative Conference Committee have advised me that an error was made which unintentionally excluded a desired amendment which would allow holders of water permits to show cause why the unused portion of their water permits should not be cancelled. Cancellation of unused water permits should and must someday become the law of this State, and I am assured by every member who requested this bill be vetoed that they will insist in obtaining the passage of a properly drawn bill at the next session of the Legislature.